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Via Electronic Submission

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W., Room TW-A325
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: ***Notice of Oral Ex Parte Communication: CG Docket No. 09-158,
CC Docket No. 98-170, WC Docket No. 04-36***

Dear Ms. Dortch:

This letter is to inform you that on December 20, 2010, Charles W. McKee, Richard Engelman, and Breck Blalock, of Sprint Nextel Corporation ("Sprint") met with Joel Gurin, Chief of the Federal Communications Commission's ("FCC") Consumer & Governmental Affairs Bureau, along with Jordan Usdan and Michael Ha of the FCC to discuss the measurement of mobile network performance and coverage and the disclosure of this information to consumers.

Consistent with Sprint's comments filed in the above dockets on July 8, 2010, Sprint emphasized that any methodology chosen by the Commission would need to take into account the many factors that can affect mobile broadband network performance including the location of the user and his or her distance from the nearest tower, the number of users accessing the tower at any moment in time, the types of handsets or devices used, the types of activities conducted, varying radio frequency conditions, and other factors that can make a significant difference in the performance and speeds achieved in any given session.

Sprint also emphasized the complexity associated with comparing the performance and coverage of multiple networks both within and between carriers that operate in different spectrum, use different technologies and air interfaces, offer different end user devices, and are optimized for different market segments and carrier priorities. Sprint stated carriers and third parties are already providing substantial information to consumers to allow them to make informed wireless choices and noted that consumers normally consider a wide variety of factors beyond speed and coverage in making decisions regarding mobile broadband including device choice, plan rates and terms, customer service, and the desired applications.

Finally, Sprint emphasized that the Commission should avoid the appearance of endorsing one measuring methodology or metric over other methodologies or metrics that might also be relevant to a consumer's decision regarding their choice of mobile broadband services.

Pursuant to Section 1.1206 of the Commission's rules, this letter is being electronically filed with your office. Please let us know if you have any questions regarding this filing.

Respectfully submitted,

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